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I don't care if you fine them, but you should make them open up the sources to the Application Program Interfaces (APIs- I think is what that translates to). I use OS/2 and Microsoft's use of insider information to design their operating system been used to make continued development of this operating system difficult because competing designers don't have the information to see what it is they have changed and figure out ways to circumvent the changes. By the time programmers can figure out what has been changed, their programmers have "redesigned" the operating system and the next release breaks. The effect of this ever-changing scenario is to put software developers for OS/2 into an ever declining market for their products. IBM gave up trying to compete against them, but there are still a few companies who could benefit if Microsoft were able to have the APIs made open source.

I'm just a user so the technical details may be off target. I hope you get the drift.

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